

REMARKS

Claims 15-19 and 26-32¹ were rejected under 35 USC 102(3) as being anticipated by Kusmierczyk, U.S. Patent 5,828,992. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites “means for displaying a first screen for selecting a display language on the display unit.” The Examiner asserts that Kusmierczyk teaches a means for displaying a first screen for selecting a display language on the display unit at Fig. 2A and col. 2, lines 58-61. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner asserts that function key F3 corresponds to the claimed means for displaying a first screen for selecting a display language on the display unit. Kusmierczyk discloses that function key F3, in each display, allows the operator to switch back and forth between the English and Russian text displays, the graphic portion of each display being the same. Kusmierczyk is not actually teaching the claimed means for displaying a first screen for selecting a display language on the display unit, but rather teaches a button in which the user can switch to the non-displayed language screen (for example, from Russian to English). If the user presses the F3 key, the program will automatically display the one and only other screen type. There is no screen (like the one shown in Fig. 9A of the application) displayed in which a user can select a display language. Admittedly, Kusmierczyk allows the user to switch between two different languages, but never displays a screen in which the user is prompted to select a display language. Accordingly, the features of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by Kusmierczyk.

Claim 26 recites “a controller which displays a screen on the display unit for selecting a display language.” As stated above, Kusmierczyk does not teach displaying a screen so the user can select the display language. Claim 26 also recites “a dedicated key switch provided outside of the display unit, wherein the display language selection screen is directly displayed on the display unit when the dedicated key switch is operated, the dedicated key switch being used only for displaying the display language selecting screen on the display unit.” The Examiner considers that the function

¹ It is noted that the Examiner indicated that claims 15-19 and 16-32 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e), however Applicant assumes that the Examiner intended to reject claims 15-19 and 26-32.

key F3 corresponds to the claimed dedicated key switch. However, the function key F3 has more than one function, as shown in Fig. 4 of Kusmierczyk. Thus, the function key F3 is not actually a dedicated key switch. Furthermore, there is no display language screen to be displayed taught in Kusmierczyk.

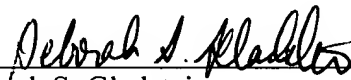
Claims 27 and 30 recite a feature similar to the one described above in connection with claim 1. Since Kusmierczyk does not display a separate screen to allow the user to select the display language, the features of claims 27 and 30 are also not taught or suggested by Kusmierczyk.

The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies.
Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772015100.

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